**Anti-dumping probe against Chinese Rubber Chemicals**

322. SHRI MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have started any anti-dumping probe against imports of certain rubber chemicals from China;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the price of rubber chemicals in the domestic market and the price of Chinese rubber chemicals;

(d) the volume of rubber chemicals imported from China in terms of quantity and cost during the last two years, year-wise; and

(e) the losses incurred by the Indian firms on this account during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties has initiated two investigations against import of certain rubber chemicals from the Peoples Republic of China. The first investigation initiated on 7th July 2004 covers four specific rubber chemicals i.e.:—

| Generic Name | Chemical |
|---|---|
| MBT | 2-Mercapto Benzothiazole |
| MBTS | Dibenzothiazole disulphide |
| CBS | N-cyctohexyl-2-benzothiazole sulphenamide |
| PVI | N-(Cyclohexytthio) pthalimkje |

The second investigation initiated on 17th August 2004 covers the following product imported from the Peoples Republic of China.

| Generic Name | Chemical |
|---|---|
| MOR | N-oxydiethytene-2-benzothiazole sulphenamide (244orphoolinottiioben20thiazole) (MBS) |

(c) The import prices (landed value inclusive of customs duty) of rubber chemicals from PR China and the corresponding domestic prices during the last two years are as follows:

(in Rs. per Kg.)

| Product | 2002-03 | | 2003-04 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Landed value of imports | Domestic selling price | Landed value of imports | Domestic Selling price |
| MBT | 94 | 103 | 83 | 103 |
| MBTS | 107 | 128 | 98 | 128 |
| CBS | 135 | 182 | 125 | 182 |
| PVI | 331 | 389 | 284 | 389 |
| MOR | 168 | 237 | 153 | 237 |

*(Source :* Import prices: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S) and International Business Information System (IBIS)

Source : Domestic prices : Published price lists of the domestic producers)

(d) Total volume and value of imports of rubber chemicals from PR China during the last two years are as under:

(Volume in MT)

(Value in Rs. Lakhs)

| | 2002-03 | | Jan. to Dec. 2003 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Product | Volume | Value | Volume | Value |
| MBT | 138.02 | 99.23 | 155.5 | 102.22 |
| MBTS | 116.02 | 95.08 | 201.05 | 157.67 |
| CBS | 214 | 220 | 332 | 331 |
| PVI | 27 | 68 | 136 | 305 |
| MOR | 243.00 | 311.30 | 175.50 | 212.72 |

(Source: DGCI&S and IBIS)

(e) The domestic industry in its application has alleged significant decline in profits during the last two years.